

REMARKS

Main "sub-combination" claim (Claim 13) has been amended to identically correspond in scope to the corresponding portion of the sub-combination contained in "combination" claim 1, by amendment to recite "means" as opposed to the former wording "valve", and deleting the wording "connected by longitudinal shaft means" and replacing such wording by "coupled" as identically recited in the "sub-combination" portion in claim 1. By virtue of such amendments to claim 13, dependent claims 14-20 have been modified to maintain consistent terminology.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is, in effect, dependent from newly amended claim 13, as all of the elements of claim 13 are contained now within claim 1, with claim 1 possessing further limitations.

The combination as claimed (claim 1) does now require all the elements of the sub-combination as presently now claimed in claim 13, particularly due to the elimination of the former recital in claim 13 regarding "longitudinal shaft means".

In light of the above amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the requirement for restriction, and in particular submits in light of the amendments to sub-combination claim 13 [as generally indicated would be acceptable by Examiner Tran to avoid the restriction requirement in the telephone discussion with the Undersigned attorney for the Applicant on October 17, 2002], that the restriction requirement with respect to the two sets of claims 1-12, 21 and 13-20 need no longer be maintained.

While it is submitted that above amendments are sufficient to overcome the examiner's election requirements, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.143, in the event the examiner

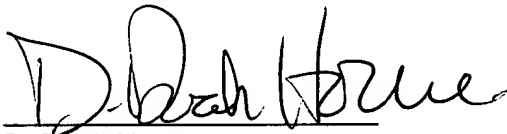
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should refuse to withdraw the election requirement, the Applicant elects, on a without-prejudice basis, claims 13-20 for further prosecution.

Favourable re-consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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